

**FORT CAMPBELL CHAPTER
THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

Executive Committee Meeting

24 May 2017

Kandahar Room

Cole Park Commons, Fort Campbell, KY

BOARD OFFICERS (Present)

CDR Steve Singleton, Secretary

LTC Tim Powers, Treasurer

BOARD OFFICERS Excused

CDR Ivan Adames, President

CW5 John Schuler, 1st Vice Pres

CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve, 2nd Vice Pres

Others Present: **CW2 Warren Evans** , Directory Chair; **CPT Eddie Sumbler**, Personal Affairs and Chaplain; **MAJ Bill Summers**, Legislative Liaison, **COL Anne Clark**, Historian, **CW4 Howard French**, Past President, Jane Powers.

Meeting called to order @ 12:25 by Secretary **CDR Steve Singleton**

CPT Eddie Sumbler gave opening prayer

CDR Steve Singleton passed along regrets from **CDR Adames** and presented the minutes. Motion to accept was made, second and minutes were approved.

LTC Tim Powers treasures report presented. He stated that the transfer of funds from the directory account to the scholarship account had taken place. Motion was made and seconded, and report was approved.

LTC Powers presented a summary sheet of budget for the remainder of the year. With current balance and remaining expenses, we are left with a balance of \$929.57 for the remainder of the year. He presented two options for us to proceed solvent through the rest of the year:

- Option 1- Fund insurance, post office box, lapel pins, admin and speaker certificates for remainder of year. Meal cost to be monitored to ensure break-even or better for remainder of year.
- Option 2- Move \$2000 from the scholarship fund to general fund to cover additional costs.

Motion was made and seconded to go with Option 1.

A general discussion was held on how we may improve our financial status. It was suggested that we look at alternatives to Sportsman's because of the cost and issues discussed previously.

CW3 Warren Evans suggested we look at Golden Corral, which has a separate room and the buffet is \$11. 99. CDR Steve Singleton suggested selling clothing items with two options:

- Pre-purchase items with MOAA Ft Campbell logo (would be money out of pocket for purchaser until sold. Min of 4 pieces each.
- For \$150, Queensboro.com will set up a chapter-specific website where members can purchase individual items. Chapter determines amount of mark-up for fund-raiser (can be percentage or dollar amount).

MAJ Bill Summers suggested that we might have a fund-raiser dinner with a special guest speaker. This has worked for other organizations.

Final discussion was agreement that raising of the dues should be placed on the next agenda. This has not been done for a number of years and it is believed that membership would understand and support an increase.

A general discussion then ensued on the funds being raised for scholarships. It was explained that the national-level scholarships were a \$5500/year no-interest loan, renewable based on academic performance for a maximum of \$25,000. Our local scholarships are true scholarships (no repayment) in the amount of \$1000 each. MAJ Bill Summers stated that he had set up a recurring scholarship in his daughter's name that was administered by the Middle Tennessee Community Foundation. They work with trust owners to determine entry amount of funds so that future scholarships can be based on interest and live the principal alone. This would be a good way to keep from having to use as much of our funds each year for recurring scholarship costs and in turn, give us the additional funds we need for other special events. While no action was specified, this option should be investigated by our chapter financial officers (treasurer/scholarship/budget).

Attendees asked that **Col JT Smith** post pictures of the scholarship recipients on the chapter web site.

CDR Singleton passed along word from President **CDR Adames** about need to prepare for the MOAA National visit of **COL Terri Coles**. It was noted that the Executive Officers normally go to dinner with the national officer the night before to discuss the status of the chapter. CDR Adames mentioned that we should prepare to have a cocktail hour prior to the meal/meeting to give everyone a chance to meet **COL Coles**.

CDR Singleton gave an update on future events;

- Sunday, 27 May, 7pm: Evening vigil at the Veterans Plaza
- Monday, 28 May, 10am: William D Beach Hall, Veterans Plaza, Memorial Day observance

- Monday, 28 May, 11am: Ft Donelson, Dover, TN Memorial Day observance
- 7 June – Louisville, KY: JECVO meeting. **CDR Singleton** and **MAJ Summers** stated they planned to attend.

The Clarksville Welcome Home Veterans Celebration 13-16 Sep. A new exhibit has been added to the Beachaven location: Eyes of Honor, a travelling tribute to Marines killed in Iraq. Invitations have been extended to the Governors of Tennessee and Kentucky for the wreath-laying event on Friday. **MAJ Summers** asked if we knew of a local Medal of Honor winner; no one seemed to know. We should attempt to locate as a future speaker.

MOAA will have its monthly meeting at the memorial luncheon at the Wilma Rudolph pavilion vice a separate luncheon that month. Members will need to make reservations in advance through the veterans site instead of the MOAA site.

The attendees then discussed the issue raised by **CPT Sumbler** last month about the naming of the Bistro at the VA home for **CMD SGT MAJOR Brown**. **MAJ Summers** stated that we had a conversation with Leanne Lewis at the VA Home yesterday regarding the issue. She said that the VA state board was in the last month of their term and new members would be more likely to address the naming issue since it was being raised state-wide. In preparation for the new members election, she is investigating naming conventions used by other states. Once she has the information, she will relay to us and then we can approach the state legislators/other veteran groups about creating legislation to standardize naming in all state VA homes. CW2 Sumbler was concerned that if the legislation passed to name the Bistro after Brown became public, that it could result in an embarrassing situation for the VA home. All hope that the issue can be kept low key until legislation can correct the problem.

CDR Steve Singleton thanked everyone for their attendance and patience with his running of the meeting.

Ill members MAJ Vivian Fivecoat and CW3 Rick Bray were remembered as well as the passing of LCOL Sam Padurgal. Past President of Ft Campbell MOAA.

CPT Eddie Sumbler gave closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 1343 hours.

CDR Steve Singleton, Sec

ADDENDUM: Attached is a list of events/action items from President, **CDR Adames** Please include as part of minutes.

